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Applicant(s) : Cox et al.  
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FROM A VOLTAGE-GATED SODIUM CHANNEL,  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THEM AND  
THERAPEUTIC OR DIAGNOSTIC USES THEREOF  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2005, setting a three-month period for reply. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time, i.e., up to and including October 29, 2005. As October 29, 2005 fell on a Saturday, this paper is being filed the following business day, Monday, October 31, 2005. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1020.00 in payment of the fee therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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